Use of unmanned Spy Planes by Pakistan

3398. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is using unmanned spy planes for tracking border areas along Rajasthan;

(b) whether these planes are taking photographs of Indian security forces and find safe spots for sending intruders during night;

(c) if so, what are the recommendations of Dinesh Goswami Committee in this regard; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Defence purchases scandal

3399. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has recently unearthed a scandal relating to passing information on defence purchases to dealers;

(b) if so, the *modus operandi* of the scandal;

(c) whether secrecy is not maintained by officials of the Defence services and even the retired officials have an access to get confidential information from the key posts; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Based on a complaint made by the Air Headquarters, the CBI have registered a regular case against certain Air Force personnel pertaining to leakage of sensitive information of the Indian Air Force to unauthorized persons. Details regarding *modus operandi* would be known only after conclusion of the investigations.

(c) and (d) Instructions exist for maintaining confidentiality about classified information and for not divulging the same to unauthorized persons

including retired officials. Officials violating confidentiality are suitably dealt with.

Damage to Thermal Power Project due to fire at Ammunition Depot in Rajasthan

3400. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire at arms ammunition depot in Rajasthan is danger to the first super thermal power project in the State;

(b) whether it is also fact that State has high stake in 650MW power project; and

(c) the extent of damage caused to this thermal power project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) One Thermal Power Plant viz. Suratgarh Thermal Power Plant is located approximately 12 Kilometers from 2 Ammunition Sub Depot (24 Filed Ammunition Depot), Birdhwal (Ganganagar). In case of any fire incident in this Depot, it would not endanger the safety of this Thermal Plant. According to Army Headquarters, no damage has taken place to this Thermal Power Plant due to the fire which broke out in 2 ammunition Sub Depot (24 Field Ammunition Depot), Birdhwal (Ganganagar) on 24.5.2001.

Agreement between India and Pakistan

3401. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreements were signed between the democratically elected Governments of Pakistan and India at any point of time during the last decade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) The following are the significant bilateral agreements/documents signed by India and Pakistan between 1991 and 2001;

April 1991	—	Agreement between India and Pakistan on Advance Notice of Military Exercises, Manoeuvres and Troops Movements (6.4.1991)